

because part of this money goes into the retirement fund of judges. I feel that, if those in the urban areas don't have to pay that, that will put the burden more on the people from the rural areas because when we get picked up for speeding in the rural areas we have to pay the court costs and we also lose points, and I think that is unfair to let one group not having to pay for it and the other group paying for it. Why do I like to see points in the penalty? I like to see points because nobody likes to lose their drivers license. In fact, it is chaos when a person receives enough points to lose their license because everybody depends upon so much in driving to work or driving for this, driving for errands. So this is really a strong penalty and we are removing that portion of it. Also I think it would be hard on law enforcement personnel. How are they going to enforce the speed limit when it comes up...comes in areas where the interstate goes through the urban areas? I think that the bill is in good shape now. We struck the amendment the other day, and I think that we ought to leave it just the way it is. It was mentioned that there would not be a loss of federal funds. I don't think we can guarantee that. In fact the letter that we received from the state engineers says that we could lose federal funds, and we certainly don't want to do that because we need all the money we can get to repair and build new highways and also repair our county roads and our city streets. So I would urge you not to bring this bill back this morning. I just don't think it's fair to those living away from the interstate. And if we do vote to bring this bill back and the amendment is adopted, then I would have to pull my vote for the support of the bill. So I would urge you to vote no on this motion.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Abboud, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support Senator Chambers' amendment. I represent an Omaha...the Omaha area. This portion of the bill will affect, directly, the Omaha metropolitan area, allowing the speed limit to remain the same or the penalties for the speed limit to remain the same. I was driving along the interstate Sunday, and there were very few cars along the interstate at that time. And the speed limit, more or less, was 63 miles an hour. They didn't go over 65, but they were well under the 65 mile an hour speed limit. But I can assure you that they were not following the 55 mile an hour speed limit. Now my primary concern with this bill is to end some of the hypocrisy that we had in the state with laws. I think whenever we have the opportunity to change the laws in